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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6168**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 149

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 7, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** State Highway Closings.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Leising

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that:

- (1) The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), must provide notice prior to letting a contract for a proposed project to construct or improve a state highway that would require the closure of the state highway for at least five consecutive days. The notice is to be provided to governmental bodies serving the area affected by the proposed highway closure.
- (2) An affected governmental body, within 30 days after being notified, is authorized to submit to INDOT written objections to the proposed project.
- (3) INDOT, if it receives written objections, must respond to the written objections at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governmental body serving the area affected by the proposed highway closure.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** INDOT contract lettings range between one to two per month. In 2012, there were 23 total contract lettings. Federal regulations require that interstate projects maintain traffic flow during construction and not lead to road closures. Projects that may require road closures include:

- Total pavement replacement
- Culvert replacement
- Bridges or slide correction projects

When possible and practical, INDOT uses temporary runarounds on bridge projects. Roads may be closed in the case of slide corrections, due to safety concerns. However, INDOT does not track the total number of

lettings associated with road closures.

The bill's requirements should be able to be implemented by INDOT with no additional appropriations. If additional appropriations are necessary, the fund affected is the State Highway Fund.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Department of Transportation.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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